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## **News Release**

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## Minco Public Schools Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Minco Public Schools will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m., November 2, 2011. The event will take place at Minco High School Auditorium, located at 202 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Minco, Oklahoma.

Minco Schools participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program. Through this program, the school used approximately \$30,000.00 in grant funds to replace four older model buses with new 2010 emission standard buses. The Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program also requires that participants implement a policy to limit the amount of time a school bus idles. The result is a reduction in diesel air emissions and an improvement in the state's air quality.

More information on the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program is available at <a href="http://www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/cleandiesel/index.html">http://www.deq.state.ok.us/agdnew/cleandiesel/index.html</a>.

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